

Also, I spent several evenings with JOHN at dinner, when he would say, hey, let's go down to the Metropolitan Club, or elsewhere, and have dinner together. Those were also memorable moments in my life, as we had many things to discuss; but it was as much about ourselves and our families as it was about the great problems of the Nation.

JOHN CHAFEE represented the State of Rhode Island with distinction and represented what was best about this institution. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Ginny, and their 5 children and 12 grandchildren, and also to his wonderful staff, who I have gotten to know over the years, who have most capably served him.

JOHN's memory also goes to the time he came and campaigned for me in my State, and all the other times we had a chance to work together. Most, I remember that if I ever had a question on how to vote or I came in at the last minute and did not know what the issue was—I hate to admit to that—I would first look to see how JOHN voted. I knew, if nothing else, if I voted as he did, I probably would not get in trouble. I suppose we all have moments similar to that that we don't talk about politically, but when you have that kind of an individual whom you can count on to give you the right direction, it is very important here, especially on some of the tough issues we have where those of us who are called moderates have to cast votes at times where we don't get friends on either side of the aisle.

I also want to speak out to JOHN's staff. I know how sad and tremendously burdened they now feel at his passing. But if it was not for his staff and their tremendous capacity, I know JOHN could not have accomplished the things he did as a Senator. They will miss him deeply, but so will I and so will the other Members who got to know him and his staff well over the course of time.

I know all of us are sad today. I am getting to the point where I better quit.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, in his capacity as a Senator from the State of Ohio, suggests the absence of a quorum.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative assistant proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Acting in my capacity as a Senator from Ohio, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In my capacity as a Senator from Ohio, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:08 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reassembled at 2:08 p.m., when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. VOINOVICH).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR JOHN CHAFEE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today for a few words about Senator JOHN CHAFEE, our wonderful friend who left us early this morning.

I happened to be privileged to know both he and his wife Virginia very well. My heart goes out to her today. I have not been able to contact her because it is pretty difficult. The phone lines are busy, and she is busy. But my wife Nancy and I extend our sympathies and hope we will see her very soon.

As I think about JOHN CHAFEE, I see this mild-mannered person; but then I read about him, and there is a great paradox. If you look at what he did as a patriot, he was a great war hero. He served with the U.S. Marines in Iwo Jima, a very gruesome life experience. Clearly, he had to do some things that aren't so consistent with what we see in a very mild-mannered person.

Believe it or not, after law school at Harvard, he volunteered and went a second time. He went to Korea. Then you would think such a talented man would probably want to be in the front office with generals and admirals. But he was head of a rifle team on the ground. That was JOHN CHAFEE. Yet you could hear him regularly, when he made decisions on foreign affairs issues, talk about our country in a way that you absolutely were sure you knew where his heart, conscience, and mind were. It went way beyond that.

So if anybody were striving to match him, they would have to take a look at the next one, which is his fantastic public service. We all knew him in his last public service career. But many people knew him in the earlier stages, when he was a representative and head of the minority party in the House of Representatives in his State and Governor twice.

I remember vividly when I was elected to the Senate 26 years ago, there were four Senators on the Republican ticket across America who were expected to win. I remember getting a visit in my State then from Richard Nixon, and he had gone to Rhode Island, which was where JOHN CHAFEE was running, who had been Secretary of the Navy and was supposed to be elected; Senator Bartlett of Oklahoma; Senator McClure of Idaho; and myself. He lost.

So he was 2 years younger than I am. It took 2 years for them to realize it, but then they finally elected him. He was here ever since. I can quickly state the legacy I see after all these years, as can others who have been here 10, 15, 20 years. He had such a variety of things he did that I am not sure the two things for which I know him best will be his true legacy; maybe both will be.

Senator CHAFEE followed in the footsteps of great environmental Senators such as Ed Muskie when he became chair, on our side, of the Environment and Public Works Committee. I do believe, even though most of the legislation for clean air, water, and the like had already been accomplished before he went on, at least the policies were in place, as the occupant of the Chair readily knows in his distinguished career. He quickly became known as a real environmentalist who understood and was practical yet stern in his beliefs. When it came to clean air and clean water, pollution in general, and certainly conservation of open space, there was no peer during his years as chairman and even before that.

Everybody will get up and speak, I am sure, about his distinguished efforts on the health care side. He happened to be on the Finance Committee. When you say the Committee on Finance in the Senate, many people don't think of health care, but they have a lot of health care jurisdiction, including Medicare, Medicaid, and all the tax laws as they relate to health care. There was no stronger advocate for getting more people covered in health care than JOHN CHAFEE and no stronger advocate for the health of our children and the need to make sure we were taking every precaution in getting health care to our children and passing laws that would get it there. He was truly a staunch advocate for healthy Americans and Americans having a better chance to be healthy, to get cured when they are sick, and taken care of when they are sick.

I am sure there are other things he has done of which I am not aware. But if we got a chance to look at his record, it would be mentioned. There will be plenty of opportunity. I thought if I found the Senate open, I would drop by and say thank you, Senator CHAFEE, and thank you to his family for all they did for our country and for the Senate; thanks to his wonderful wife for all the sacrifices she and their wonderful family have made.

I hope, again, we will get to see that family during the next 2 or 3 days. I hope the Senate will honor him appropriately. I hope we take time off and go to his funeral. I am not in charge, but I hope we do that. I think we ought to do that, wherever it is. Whatever we are doing, we ought to take time off. That is just what we ought to do for a real Senator and a real friend.

I yield the floor.

RECESS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:14 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair; whereupon, at 3 p.m., the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Ms. COLLINS).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware is recognized.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR JOHN CHAFEE

Mr. ROTH. Madam President, today is a sad day for America; today is a sad day for the Senate, for Rhode Island, but especially for JOHN CHAFEE's family.

Senator CHAFEE was, indeed, a remarkable man and a good friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family—his wife Ginny and five children—as they pass through this most difficult time.

I believe it can be said without hesitation that few individuals have served America with the distinction that JOHN CHAFEE exhibited in his many years of public service. From his active duty in the Marine Corps—where he saw action in both the Second World War and Korea—to his early years as a member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, to his years as Governor and his work as Secretary of the Navy, to, of course, his 23 years of service in the Senate, JOHN's patriotism was beyond philosophical; it was pragmatic and it was concrete.

He had a keen sense of duty—a profound sense of responsibility. As a Senator, he knew his constituents, and he served them with such devotion that he was elected in 1976 and returned to Washington four times, despite the fact that he was a Republican in an overwhelmingly Democratic State. Much of his effectiveness was in his ability to find bipartisan cooperation, and to stand fast on issues that were important to the individuals and families he represented. Among these issues was a deep concern for the environment and for quality and affordable health care.

He was a tireless advocate of the underprivileged and a strong proponent of American leadership and economic opportunity. I understand how important these issues were to JOHN—not only because we served for so many years as colleagues and friends on the Senate Finance Committee—but because, like JOHN, I represent a small coastal State in the Northeast, much like you, Madam President. Many of the issues and concerns we faced were the same. In fact, one of the truly great honors I have received as a Senator is to be given the Ansel Adams Award by the Wilderness Society. It is the highest award that prestigious organization gives out, and there are only two Republican Senators who have ever received it. And I must say that it was awarded to JOHN first—2 or 3 years before me.

Madam President, along with you and all our colleagues, I am saddened by his death. But I am grateful for the time we spent together; I am grateful for his leadership and example; and I am grateful for his supportive family. Along with all my colleagues, I express my condolences to them as well as my most profound gratitude for sharing Senator CHAFEE with America.

Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. NICKLES. Madam President, I, like countless Americans, am very saddened over the news that JOHN CHAFEE is no longer with us. The news of his death was a shock to me. I was with Senator CHAFEE just last week. I teased Senator CHAFEE about the fact that he was using a wheelchair, and I was accusing him of doing wheelies and racing down the aisles. He spent at least an hour with many of us in the Finance Committee discussing a number of issues, including health care, which was one of the issues in which he was most interested and of which he was a real champion for all Americans. This is a loss for so many, because of his great service to this country.

JOHN CHAFEE spent 23 years in the Senate. He was concluding his fourth term as a U.S. Senator. He had a very exceptional Senate career that encompassed many areas. He was a leader in education, health care, the Environment and Public Works Committee, of which he was chairman, dealing with issues such as clean air and clean water, and reauthorization of many very vital programs.

His service was not only limited to the Senate, however. In addition to his 23 years in the Senate, he served 6 years as Governor of Rhode Island. He also had about 7 years as a marine. He fought in both World War II and in the Korean war. He fought in the Battle of Guadalcanal.

I remember when I was on a trip speaking with leaders in Korea, and I wanted to learn more about the Korean war. They suggested I read a book. I believe the name of the book was "This Kind of War." It is a very thick book. I read it with great interest, and I read about Capt. JOHN CHAFEE, who was a hero during the Korean war. That was something he never mentioned. If you wanted to find out he was a hero, you had to talk to somebody else.

If you go all the way back to his service as a marine officer in World War II and the Korean war, his service in Rhode Island in the State legislature and as Governor, and his 23 years in the Senate, it has been a record of exemplary service. I think it is a total of 44 years of public service, not counting his 7 or 8 years as a marine. In over 50 years of public service, JOHN CHAFEE has dedicated his life to serving his State and his Nation. What great service, what great sacrifice he has made for our country.

I also was pleased to get to know him fairly personally. JOHN and his wife Ginny were married 49 years. What a wonderful, beautiful example. I knew

him also as a wrestler. He was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, which is quite an honor. Not many people know that he was captain of the Yale wrestling team and undefeated in his wrestling career prior to the war. That is pretty special; that is not an easy accomplishment. It shows that he had a certain amount of toughness and will.

He was always willing to compromise and always willing to negotiate, but he was tough, he was sincere, he was energetic, he was a tireless campaigner and a tireless worker. He was a very dedicated individual.

JOHN CHAFEE is going to be missed in the Senate. His State will surely miss him to. They have so much for which to be grateful, to have had him as their leader, one of the real valued leaders, both as Governor and Senator, as a captain in the Marines, and as a fantastic colleague, devoted husband for 49 years, father of John, Jr., Lincoln, Zechariah, Quentin, and his daughter Georgia—five wonderful kids who, I know, are very proud of their father.

I know JOHN was very proud of his children. I was with Senator CHAFEE and his son "Linc" last week at a campaign event. You could sense, when Senator CHAFEE was introducing his son, the love and the bond they had between them. It was a wonderful thing to behold.

I have a special comment about Senator CHAFEE and his wife Ginny. I have had the pleasure of knowing them for my 19 years in the Senate. I have been in their home—a wonderful, beautiful, loving couple. I just want Ginny to know that our thoughts are with her and with her children. We want them to know we share their loss and they are very much in our thoughts and our prayers. I want them to know what a great honor it has been for me personally, and I think for all Senators, to have the privilege and pleasure of serving with JOHN CHAFEE in the Senate. He will be missed in Rhode Island, and he will be missed throughout the country.

Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative assistant proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, in this era of partisanship, harsh sound bites and bitter politics, JOHN CHAFEE wanted to have none of that. He was, in my view, the gold standard as far as public service is concerned. He wasn't full of himself, always humble and low key, always bipartisan.

I especially admired that he was always standing up for people without power and without clout. I think of all the times over the years I had a chance to serve with him—close to 20 years—